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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Expedited Procedure Requested  
Examining Group. P20481

In re application of : Miyuki SASAKI et al  
 Serial No. : 09/764,991 Group Art Unit: 2177  
 Filed : Junuary 23, 2001 Examiner: S. CHANNAVAJJALA  
 For : DATA STORAGE MEDIUM, DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING METHOD,  
 AND DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 A Request for Extension of Time.  
 Ten Replacement Sheets of Drawings.  
 No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims: 27	27*	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims: 17	17**	0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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